

Letter from our Pastor

My Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the St. Anne Catholic Community 2018-2019 Annual Report. This is a good time to reflect on all that has happened this past year and to envision what we hope to achieve in the future.

This past year we have experienced great sadness and outrage during the “hour of darkness” in the Church. This is a time to bring everything into the light, confront it, learn from it, and most of all, to help the victims and ensure the safety of all God’s children. We must rely on our faith and strengthen our relationships with God and everyone around us. Please join me in praying for all victims of abuse, in the Church, and everywhere.



We have also seen the beginning of our campus expansion; breaking ground on the new parking garage and Commons Building on May 17. We expect construction to be completed by August 2020. This expansion will benefit both our parish and school for generations to come.

Our Generations of Faith Capital Campaign is in full swing. We have raised \$14.9 million in pledges, which is 72% of our \$20.8 million goal. Over the next few months, with your help, we hope to close the gap and raise the remaining \$5.9 million needed to reach that goal. Please consider making a pledge to help us attain our goal. You may visit our website at www.saintanne.org to complete a Donor Letter of Intent, or you may also set up a pledge through Faith Direct at www.faithdirect.net, Church Code TX629.

The finances of St. Anne Parish are again fiscally healthy in 2018-2019. Offertory gifts are our primary source of funding and we continue to be humble custodians of our finances. We have zero debt and this is due to the selfless acts of giving from our parishioners. It is this giving that allows St. Anne to fund our liturgical, worship, and pastoral expenses, support our educational, spiritual, sacramental ministries, and maintenance of our campus.

While we are fiscally healthy, we fell just short of our revenue goals for the Parish and just short of our Diocesan Services Fund goal to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Such shortfalls ultimately limit our ability to fully support existing campus ministries.

Please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your weekly and annual giving to help us support the needs of our active and growing parish. Our expenses increase each year with inflation, but our total operating revenues this year (excluding the capital campaign) were only 2% higher than they were 3 years ago.

Thank you to all who have joined in online giving through Faith Direct. Our preferred method of receiving weekly offertory gifts and donations is through FaithDirect.net. Online giving saves St. Anne money by eliminating expenditures on postage and envelopes. It makes it easier for our business administration to better plan and budget. It is also the most convenient method for our parishioners to give. There is no need to remember, or even handle, weekly checks and envelopes.

Online contributions have increased from 30 percent of total giving in 2015 to 51 percent in 2019.

To conclude, I am thankful that we have a strong administration that manages our revenue and expenses in a judicious manner. I would like to express my gratitude to the Pastoral and Finance Councils for their steady and prudent guidance, the Generations of Faith chairs and Steering Committee, as well as the St. Anne staff and our many dedicated ministry leaders. And of course, to all the parishioners of St. Anne, whose consistent support and generosity keeps our community growing and strong – I thank you.

Yours in Christ,

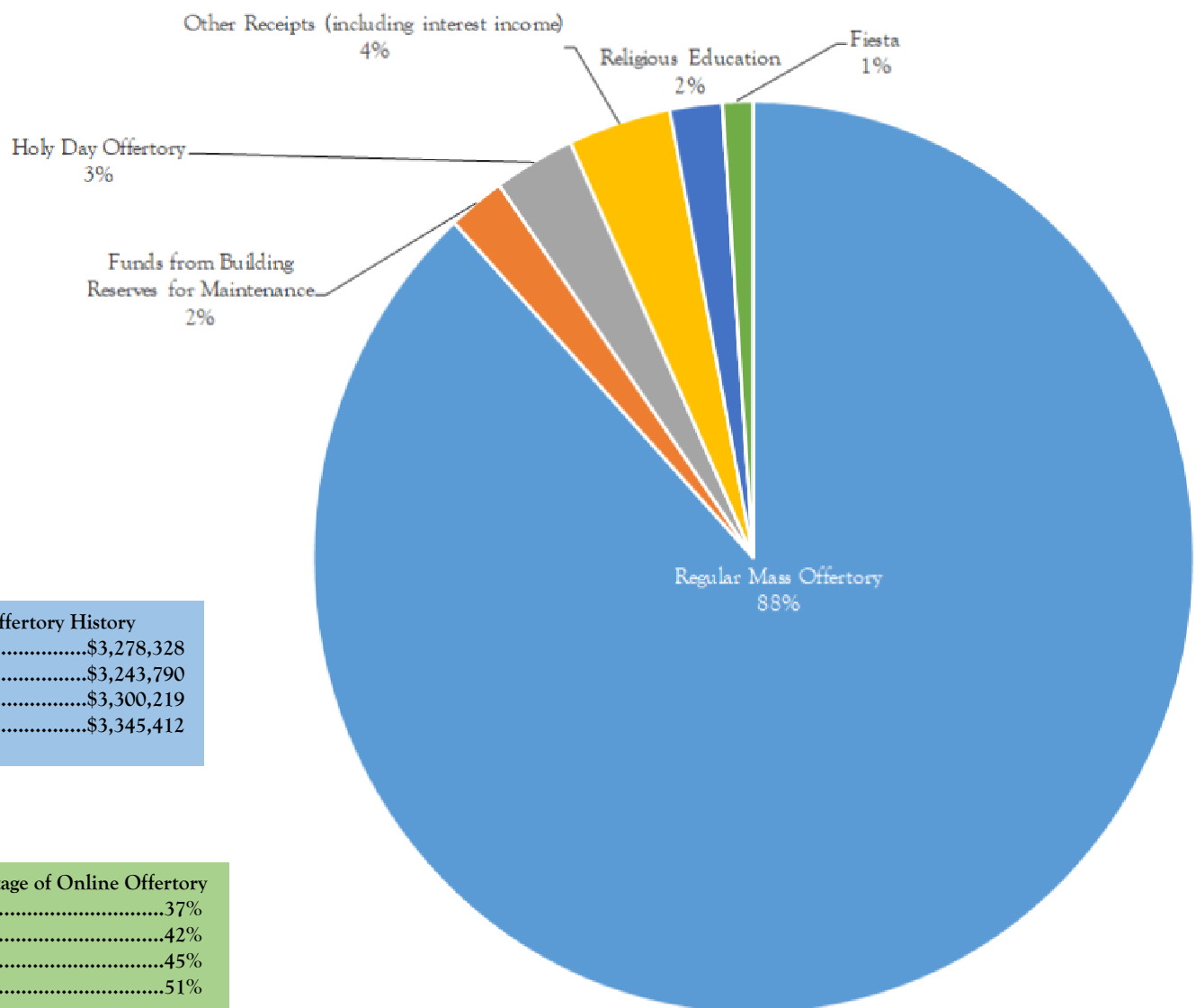
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Finances

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\$3.7 million



Fiscal year is July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

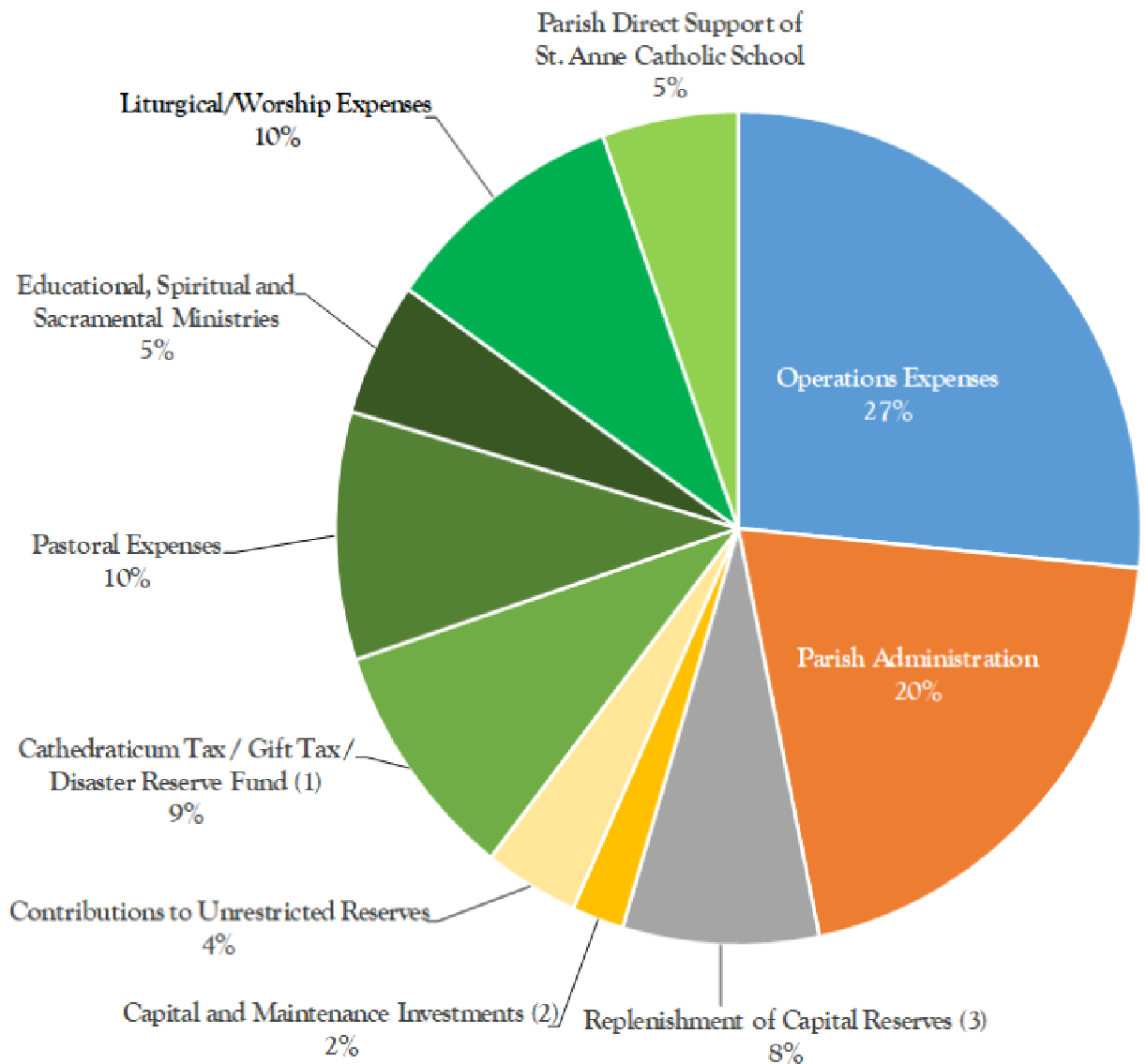
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Parish Administration includes the cost of running the church offices, communications costs, professional services, bank and credit card fees, and printing costs (collection envelopes, stationery, etc.).

Operations Expenses includes utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance and repairs, and related personnel expenses.



(1) The Cathedraticum tax is required from all Archdiocese Parishes to support Archdiocese level expenses and activities undertaken in support of all the parishioners in the Archdiocese. The Disaster Reserve Fund was set up by the Archdiocese after Hurricane Harvey to cover any future natural disasters.

(2) Capital projects includes: church lighting, parking lot improvements, fire panels for the Parish Center, and perimeter fencing.

(3) Capital reserves are required to be held by the Archdiocese to cover major repairs or improvements to church buildings and property.

Religious Formation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) accompanied more than 30 Christians to Full Communion as Catholics at mass in May and November, while four adults Celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



In 2018-2019 There were 182 children enrolled in youth ministry (grades 5th-12th). Of those, we confirmed 77 teens and baptized 8 children. There were 252 children enrolled in our CCE program, grades Pre-K4-4th. Of those, 86 received their First Communion and 12 were baptized.

The nursery is open on Sunday mornings to provide care during the 9:00 Mass and the 11:00 Mass for children aged 6 months-3 years. The nursery is also available to St. Anne Ministry organizations, such as St. Monica Moms and the PTO.

St. Anne Catholic School

As the largest ministry of St. Anne Catholic Community, St. Anne Catholic School serves 500 students and families in pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade and their families. The past year celebrated milestones and record breaking fundraising goals. St. Anne Catholic School relies on two major fundraisers each year to close the gap between tuition and expenses. 70 years of FIESTA, the parish-wide carnival, brought the entire community together for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. Underwriting, raffle ticket sales and the revenue raised on the day of FIESTA netted \$208,131, of which the school gifted back 20%, or \$41,332 to the parish. The school's second major fundraiser, the St. Anne Annual Fund, directly contributes to the difference between tuition and the actual cost of educating a child at St. Anne. The school was pleased to have 51% family participation in the campaign and 98% faculty and staff participation. The 2018-2019 St. Anne Annual Fund raised \$180,000 in support of a Catholic education that fosters the mission of nurturing students in the Basilian tradition of "Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge."



St. Anne School Foundation

The work and the mission of the St. Anne School Foundation, since 1982, is to provide financial support to maintain and strengthen the learning environment of St. Anne Catholic School, not only for students presently attending, but also for the many generations of students to come. The Foundation exists solely to serve the students and faculty of St. Anne Catholic School.

All of the Foundation's fundraising efforts benefit St. Anne Catholic School, as well as our commitment to the *Generations of Faith Capital Campaign* in the amount of \$1 million toward the Commons Building and the Father John Robbins Bourse Campaign for scholarships enriching the diversity of the school. Over the years, the Foundation's contributions have supported need-based tuition assistance, faculty continuing education, fine arts programs, technology needs, and classroom and campus enhancements.

Stewardship

The heart of any parish is the Eucharist, but the parish family is the body that makes it a unique and vibrant community with an exciting parish life. During the past year the St. Anne Catholic Community has provided a variety of ways for our parishioners to be part of that communal family in addition to the celebration of the sacraments – through sharing their time and talents in our many parish ministries.

These stewardship opportunities included volunteering with St. Anne's liturgical ministries, choir members, lectors, altar servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; visiting the homebound, serving the poor, volunteering at CCSC, Casa Juan Diego, Amazing Place and the St. Vincent de Paul Society; and others such as through faith formation, youth ministry, Hispanic ministry and our men's and women's spiritual, social and service groups.

Of course, the St. Anne's parishioners active support of the *Generations of Faith Capital Campaign* have underscored our commitment to the growth and sustainability of St. Anne Parish and the St. Anne Catholic School. Active and generous participation in parish life continues to make the congregation of the St. Anne Catholic Community a vibrant community, both as we worship and as we reach out to others.

Music

St. Anne Choir and the entire Hispanic and English Music Ministries have experienced a fruitful 2018-19 season of service to the Parish. The St. Anne Choir has sung the following special presentations, in addition to the annual musical offerings, during the season of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Good Friday, and Easter: Joseph Martin's "Of Faith and Freedom" as well as the "Requiem Mass" by Gabriel Fauré. We have provided instrumental, cantorial, and choral music for dozens of weddings, funerals, memorial services, and numerous special festivals for as much of the St. Anne Community as possible.

